

Pecans: Production, Price, and Value

Crop	Production	Price	Value of
Year	(in shell)	Per Pound	Production
	1,000		1,000
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	Dollars
1975	13,100	.57	7,467
1980	14,500	.85	12,325
1985	29,000	.88	25,520
1990	34,000	1.53	52,020
1995	45,000	1.24	55,800
1999	52,000	1.20	62,400
2000	35,000	1.37	47,950
2001	60,000	.64	38,400
2002	36,000	1.25	45,000
2003	55,000	1.28	70,400

PECANS: Pecan production in New Mexico totaled 55 million pounds in 2003, a high bearing year in the alternating cycle of the trees. This was a 53 percent increase over 2002s 36 million pounds, but 8.3 percent less than 2001s production, the previous high-bearing year in the cycle. Price per pound increased \$0.03 from the previous year to \$1.28. Production in 2003 was valued at \$70.4 million, compared to \$45 million the year before, and \$38.4 million in 2001.

Pecans: Orchards, Acres, and Production by County

	2002 Census ^{1/}		<u>Production</u>	
	Bearing			
District/County	Acres	# Of Farms	2002	2003
	Number		1,000 Pounds	
DISTRICT 70	2/	65	1,250	2,350
Luna	2/	22	900	1,700
Sierra	514	43	350	650
DISTRICT 90	2/	1,425	34,630	52,500
Chaves	3,414	81	4,000	5,800
Doña Ana	23,745	1,056	26,000	40,500
Eddy	2,415	119	3,100	4,200
Lea	2/	35	330	400
Otero	2/	134	1,200	1,600
OTHER DISTRICTS ^{3/}	2/	46	120	150
STATE	33,123	1,536	36,000	55,000

^{1/}Orchards of 20 or more trees.

^{2/} Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms. ^{3/} Includes Grant, Hidalgo, and Lincoln counties.